DOH-CITRUS WARNS RESIDENTS OF SEPTIC SYSTEM SCAM

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The Florida Department of Health in Citrus County (DOH-Citrus) is advising the public about a scam involving individuals posing as Department of Health workers in the Septic System Permitting Program.

The individuals, two males, claimed to be working for the Department of Health and visited properties in the Dunnellon and Inverness area where septic system permits have recently been applied for. The individuals asked residents to see their septic systems and were last seen driving a white pick-up truck with the word "septic" in black letters on the side.

DOH-Citrus advises residents that every employee who works for the Florida Department of Health in Citrus County has a photo identification badge displayed on them. If anyone comes to your property and claims to work for the Florida Department of Health in Citrus County, ask to see their identification badge. Also, DOH-Citrus Environmental Health employees have signage on the vehicles they arrive in.

Residents are urged to use state licensed septic tank contractors. To look up licensed septic tank contractors in Citrus County, visit DOH's Environmental Health/Onsite Sewage Programs page at http://www.floridahealth.gov/statistics-and-data/eh-tracking-and-reporting/septic-tank-contractors.html. To report unlawful septic contracting, visit http://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/onsite-sewage/septic-contracting/report-unlawful-septic-contracting.html.

Residents can call the Florida Department of Health in Citrus County Environmental Health team with any concerns 352-513-6100.

For more information about DOH-Citrus, go to www.CitrusCountyHealth.org or follow us on Twitter at @FLHealthCitrus.

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